

The Gift
of His Word

John 1:1-18

**Advent announces the
arrival of Jesus and His Joy
for all who will believe.**

The *Gift* of His *Word*

The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it. . . The true light that gives light to every person was coming into the world.

John 1:9,11 (NIV)





the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of **great joy** that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:1

When they saw the star,
they **rejoiced exceedingly**
with great joy. And going
into the house, they saw
the child with Mary his
mother, and they fell down
and worshiped him

Matthew 2:10-11





*But to the Son . . . “God has anointed You,
pouring out **the oil of joy on You more than on
anyone else.**” (Hebrews 1:9)*

Joy = “chara”
Grace = “charis”

**Joy (chara) is produced by
the grace (charis) of God**

**Joy is the goodness of
God's love and life in your soul
because of the grace of Jesus.**

*You have made known to me the path of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence*

Psalm 16:11

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THE GIFT VERSUS THE COUNTERFEIT

Kingdom of God | Eternal Joy

from the goodness & grace of God in you

This World | Temporary Happiness

from circumstances & comparison around you

Kingdom of Satan | Momentary Indulgence

in evil and sin by you

**Joy is something
you practice!**



How to draw video here

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0:16 to 4:19 good sound

And keep my mic on

The Gift of His Word

*Rejoice in the
Lord always.
I will say it again:
Rejoice!*

Philippians 4:4

Jesus, The King of Joy,
is always pouring
His joy out through
His Word & Spirit.

**We are as joy-filled
as we practice rejoicing.**

1. We Pray First With Thanks

We practice joy by redirecting our focus from gut feelings to a good good Father.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thess. 5:16-19)





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thanks for being
with me and for . . .”**

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2. We focus on His Word daily

Where you focus is where you go!

We practice joy by receiving His Good News.

*The commandments of the Lord are right,
bringing joy to the heart. (Psalm 19:8)*

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3. We sabbath weekly

Remember and rehearse (practice) the good God has, and will, create in your life!

*By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh day and made it holy . . .
(Genesis 2:2-3)*

Like Genesis 1, if we will spend every day looking for what is “good”, then we can enter into the sabbath with the purpose of enjoying the good God has created and will create for us.

We disconnect from the uselessness of the world that says try harder!

“To truly be healed and stay healthy we must practice the gift of the sabbath God gave us. We must figure out how to make time each week for a day when we are not working but instead are putting joy and blessedness in the forefront. We trust that God has the universe under control and we put everything down for a day.”

- *John Starke, The Possibility Of Prayer*

4. We give generously

We have been given more than this world, so we give with joy the things of this world so other can know Jesus.

Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. (2 Cor. 8:3) (also Lk 6:38, Acts 20:36)

5. We share The Good News consistently

When Jesus comes into a new life, you'll be the closest to Heavenly joy in earthly places.

I tell you ...there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent (Luke 15:7)

If you practice joy, you will see joy

1. Pray first with thanks
2. Focus on His Word daily
3. Sabbath weekly
4. Give generously
5. Share The Gospel consistently

“Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!”